

# COMMUNICATION SKILLS

## MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF CHRIST'S LIFE

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| 1. His Birth                           | Luke 2:1-7  |
| 2. He adoration by the shepherds       | Lk. 2:8-20  |
| 3. The dedication in Jerusalem         | Lk. 2: 21:38  |
| 4. The worship by the wise men         | Mt. 2:1-12  |
| 5. Flight into Egypt                   | Mt. 2:13-23   |
| 6. Temple visit at age twelve          | Lk. 2:41-50   |
| 7. His baptism                         | Mt. 3:13-17   |
| 8. His temptation                      | Mt. 4:1-11  |
| 9. Introduction by John the Baptist    | Jn. 1:29  |
| 10. First temple cleansing             | Jn. 2:13-25   |
| 11. Conversion of Nicodemus            | Jn. 3:1-21  |
| 12. The choice of the twelve           | Mt. 10:1-4  |
| 13. Imprisonment and execution of John | Mt. 14:1-12   |
| 14. Peter's great confession           | Mt. 16:13-20  |
| 15. The transfiguration                | Mt. 17:1-13   |
| 16. His triumphal entry                | Mt. 21:1-11   |
| 17. Weeping over Jerusalem             | Mt. 23:37-39; Lk. 19:41   |
| 18. In the upper room                  | Jn. 13-14   |
| 19. In Gethsemane                      | Jn. 18:1-11   |
| 20. His arrest and trials              | Jn. 18:12—19:15   |
| 21. The crucifixion                    | Jn. 19:16-18  |
| 22. The resurrection                   | Mt. 28:1-7  |
| 23. The ten appearances                | Matt 28:1,16-17; Luke 24: 13-35,34;<br>36-43; 49-53; John 20: 11-18, 26-29; 21:1-23; I Cor. 15:7; |
| 24. The ascension                      | Lk. 24:51   |

# Opening Remarks

Estimate about 100-300 billion souls have lived upon this earth since Adam. Black, white, brown, yellow, and red. Nevertheless no matter what color a person's skin is every human being shares one vital thing, and this is his purposes of life here upon earth. His eternal destiny depends upon his personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The Key question of this universe is found in Matthew 22:42: *saying, What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.*

## Christ Is:

Notice the Different Occupations:

|                   |             |                               |
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| Song of Sol. 5:16 | Artist      | The altogether lovely one.    |
| 1 Peter 2:6       | Architect   | Chief corner stone            |
| Mal. 4:2          | Astronomer  | Sun of Righteousness          |
| John 6:35         | Baker       | Bread of Life                 |
| Matt. 13:44, 45   | Banker      | Hidden Treasure               |
| Isaiah 28:16      | Builder     | Sure Foundation               |
| Jer. 8:22         | Doctor      | Great Physician               |
| Heb. 10:20        | Educator    | New and living way            |
| Luke 10:2         | Farmer      | Sower and Lord of the Harvest |
| John 8:12         | Electrician | Light                         |

## Four Gospels

(Four) Symbolism-all that God has created, number of creation, materials, and matter

A. Great elements, earth, air, fire, and water

Regions- North, East, South, West

Division of the day, Morning, Moon, Evening, and Midnight

Seasons, Spring, Summer, Autumn, and Winter

Four fold, Divisions of Mankind, land, tongue, and families, and nations.

Gospel 1 Cor. 15:1-3.

To announce good news, Evangelize (good tidings)

Luke 2:10-Announcing the Savior's incarnation

## Pre-existence of Jesus and Deity (God like nature)

### A. The fact of Divine Existence

John the Baptist John 1:15, 27, 30

Taught by the Apostle John John 1:1, 1st John 1:2 connects pre-existence to his deity

Taught by Peter 1 Peter 1:20

Taught by the Apostle Paul. 2:6-8

Taught by Christ

John 6:38, John 6:51, 61-62; John 8:58. John 17:5

*Isaiah 42:8 I am the LORD, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

What was Jesus doing prior to his incarnation?

“Incarnation” means when referring to Jesus Christ that God the Son became man, human or took upon human form.

1. He was creating the universe. (John 1:3; Heb. 1:2, 10; Col. 1:16)

He was controlling the universe. (Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:17)

Note: Our Lord not only puts all things together but he continues to keep all things together.

He was communicating with the Father (John 17:23, 24)

## The Old Testament Ministry of Jesus

### A. The Old Testament records a number of Theophanies. (Pre-Bethlehem appearances of Christ)

1. The angel that redeemed me from all evil. Gen. 48:16

The word secret is from the same Hebrew word as found in Isaiah 9:6; Judges 13:18.

Let us examine some Old Testament Theophanies

1. Hagar- The Angel of the Lord first mentioned & appeared to a pagan girl. Gen. 16:7-14

How did the Lord appear unto Abraham? Gen. 18:1; 22:11

Destruction of Sodom Gen. 19

Last minute salvation of Israel Gen. 28:13

Christ not only appeared (Gen. 28:13) to Jacob but wrestled with him (Gen. 32:24-32)

The following scriptures are connected to Mt. Sinai Ex. 3:4, 5, 23:20, Ex. 25:20, 33:18-23

He appeared unto Joshua as the Captain of the Lord's Army Joshua 5:13-18

He appeared to Gideon as he was thrashing wheat Joshua 6:11-24

He appeared to Sampson's parents Judges 13

He appeared to the Isaiah Isaiah 6:1-13

He appeared to the three Hebrew children Dan. 3:24-25

Daniel in the Lion's den Dan. 6:22; 7:9-14

## I. Christ Found IN in the O.T.

| OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES FULFILLED               |  |                      |
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| O.T. PREDICTION                                  | NATURE OF THE PROPHECY                                   | N.T. FULFILLMENT     |
| Isa. 7:14  | Born of a Virgin   | Mt. 1:22,23          |
| 2 Sam. 7:11,12; Ps. 132:11,<br>Is. 9:6 Jer. 23:5 | Given the throne of David                                | Lk. 1:31,32          |
| Ps. 72:10, Isa. 60:3,6,9                         | To be worshiped by wise men presented with gifts         | Mt. 2:11             |
| Num. 24:8; Hosea 11:1                            | To be in Egypt in for a Season                           | Mt. 2:15             |
| Jer. 31:15                                       | Birthplace to suffer a massacre for children             | Mt. 2:17,18          |
| Isa. 11:1  | To be called a Nazarene                                  | Mt. 2:23             |
| Ps. 69:9; 119:139                                | To be zealous for the Father                             | Jn. 2:16,17          |
| Is. 11:2; 61:1,2; Ps. 45:7                       | To be filled with God's Spirit                           | Lk. 4:18,19          |
| Is. 53:4   | To heal many   | Mt. 8:16,17          |
| Isa. 9:1,2; 42:1-3                               | To deal gently with the Gentiles                         | Mt. 12:17-2; 4:13-16 |
| Isa. 6:9,10                                      | To speak in Parables                                     | Mt. 13:10-           |
| Isa. 53:3; Ps. 69:8                              | To be rejected by His own                                | Jn. 1:11; 7:5        |
| Zech. 9:9  | To make a triumphal entry into Jerusalem                 | Mt. 21:4,5           |
| Ps. 8:2  | To be praised by little children                         | Mt. 21:16            |
| Ps. 118:22,23                                    | To be the rejected cornerstone                           | Mt. 21:42            |
| Is. 53:1   | That His miracles would not be believed                  | Jn. 12:37,38         |
| Ps. 41:9; 55:12-14                               | To be betrayed by His friend for thirty pieces of silver | Mt. 26:14-16,        |
| Isa. 53:3  | To be a man of sorrows                                   | Mt. 26:37;38; 27:26  |
| Zech. 13:7                                       | To be forsaken by His disciples                          | Mt. 26:31,56         |
| Is. 50:6   | To be scourged and spit upon                             | Mt. 26:67;27:26      |
| Zech. 11:12,13; Jer. 18:1-4,<br>Jer. 19:1-4      | His price money to be used to buy a Potter's Field       | Mt. 27:9,10          |

## Lesson 4 Quiz

1. Where was Jesus Born?
2. Who was the mother of Jesus?
3. What did Jesus sleep in after he was born?
4. How many wise men does the bible say came to visit Jesus?
5. How did the wise men know that the King of the Jews had been born?
6. Which of the following is not a gift that the wise men brought for Jesus: Gold, Silver, Myrrh, Frankincense?
7. Who else came to visit Jesus?
8. Who said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men"?
9. Who wanted to kill Jesus?
10. Who was the father of Jesus?
11. What ritual did Jesus undergo when he was eight years old?
12. What was Jesus wrapped in when he was born?
13. What was special about Jesus' mother?
14. How was the family warned that someone wanted to kill Jesus?
15. To what country did the family escape to after they were warned of the death threat to Jesus?
16. In what city did King Herod live?
17. Children in the region under what age were to be killed, in the hope that Jesus would also be killed?
18. What was the name of the man Jesus' mother was engaged to at the time she became with child?
19. Who was Jesus descended from?
20. In what city was Jesus brought up in as a child?

## Lesson 6: The Disciples of Christ

### Lesson Description:

The Great Teacher hand-picked His disciples. We will take a careful look at the lives of the men that Christ called and made fishers of men.

1. Simon, who is called Peter
2. Andrew, his brother
3. James the son of Zebedee
4. John, his brother
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew, the tax collector
9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Thaddeus
11. Simon the Zealot
12. Judas Iscariot

### Be Sure to Review Some of the Miracles of Christ

### Lesson Description:

We will begin a two part study of the miracles of Jesus. We will learn that Christ was a teacher of power and not word only.

### Be Sure to Review Some Teachings of Christ

### Lesson Description:

Not even the Scripture contains all the sermons Christ preached. Time does not allow us even careful investigation of the sermons included in the N.T. We will choose just a few of the teachings of Christ and expound on them.

# Christ's Final Days as a Man

## Tuesday: The Beginning of the End

- A. Christ's Five Confrontations with the Pharisees and the Sadducees
  - 1. Questioning His authority. (Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:3-8)
  - Paying tribute to Caesar. (Matthew 22:15-22; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 20:19-25)
  - The doctrine of the Resurrection. (Matthew 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40)
  - The greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34)
  - The Messiah. (Matthew 22:4-6; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44)
  - Christ's condemnation of the Pharisees.  
Matthew 23:1-36; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47.
- The widow's mite.  
Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4.
- Christ weeps over Jerusalem on two occasions.
  - 1. First Occasion: Matthew 23:37-39; Luke 13:34,35.
  - Second Occasion: Luke 19:41-44.
- Christ preaches the Sermon on the Mount.  
Matthew Chapters 24-25.
- Christ predicts his betrayal and crucifixion.  
Matthew 26:1,2.
- The plot by the Pharisees.  
Matthew 26: 3-5; Mark 14:1,2; Luke 22:1,2.

## Wednesday: Judas agrees to betray Jesus

Matthew 26:14,15; Mark 14:10,11; Luke 22:3-5.

## Thursday: Preparations for the Passover

Matthew 26:17-19; Mark 14:12-16; Luke 21:7-13.

- A. In the Upper Room  
Matthew 26:17-29; Mark 14:12-15; Luke 22:7-30; John Chapters 13-14.
- The Singing of a hymn.  
Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26.
- Christ preaches His Thursday night Passover sermon.  
John Chapters 15-16.

## **Friday: Christ's Prophecies, Trials and Death**

### **A. Christ's Final Predictions of His Death and Resurrection & Gethsemane**

#### **1. Christ's Death. (Matthew 26:31; Mark 14:27)**

Christ's Resurrection (Matthew 26:32; Mark 14:28)

Christ's Great High Priest Prayer. (John 17:1-26)

En route to Gethsemane. (Luke 22:35-38)

In Gethsemane. (Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-52; Luke 22:39-53; John 18:1-12)

Christ's Unfair Trials.

#### **1. Jewish/Religious Trials**

##### **a. A Three-Fold Perversion During These Trials**

- 1) Christ stands before Annas. (John 18:13,14,19-23)
- 2) Christ stands before Caiaphas. (Matthew 26:57,59-68; Mark 14:53-65; Luke 22:54,63-65; John 18:24.)
- 3) Christ stands before the entire Sanhedrin. (Matthew 27:1; Mark 15:1)

##### **b. The Two-Fold Tragedy During Those Trials.**

- 4) The Denial by Peter. (Matthew 26:33-35,69-73,75; Mark 14:29-31,54,66-70,72; Luke 22:31-34,54-59,61,62; John 13:36-38; 18:15-17,25-27)
- 5) The Death of Judas. (Matthew 27:3-10)

#### **Roman/Political Trials**

- a. Christ stands before Pilate for the first time. (Matthew 27:2,11,12-14; Mark 15:25)
- b. Christ stands before Herod Antipas. (Luke 23:6-12)
- c. Christ stands before Pilate the second time. (Matthew 27:15-26; Luke 15:6-15; 23:13-24; John 18:40; 19:1,4,5,7-15)

#### **Military/Mockery Trial**

Christ stands before the soldiers—the Platorium. (Matthew 27:27-31; Mark 15:16-18; John 19:2,3)

#### **The Events Preceding Calvary**

1. The Man of Cyrene, lifting up the cross. (Matthew 27:32; Mark 15:21; Luke 23:26)

The maidens of Jerusalem lamenting over the cross. (Luke 23:27-31)

## The Crucifixion of Christ

### 1. Present at the Cross

Both faith and unbelief were present at Calvary. In Luke 23:35-56, we have a partial record of the people and events at Calvary. We will examine each person or group at the cross to see: 1) Why were they there? 2) What did they do? 3) How did they respond to Jesus?

#### a. Two Criminals

- 1) Were Crucified with Jesus. One on the left and the other on the right. Luke 23:33
- 2) Both hurled abuse at Jesus. (Luke 23:39; Matthew 27:44)
- 3) Eventually one repented and trusted the Savior. (Luke 23:40-43)

#### b. Soldiers

- 1) Gambling and guarding. (Matthew 27:35-37; Luke 23:44)
- 2) Mocking Jesus. (Matthew 23:36,37)

#### c. Crowds

- 1) Hurling Abuse. (Matthew 27:39,40)
- 2) Looking on. (Luke 23: 35)
- 3) Frightened. (Luke 23:48)

#### d. Jesus' Enemies

- 1) Rulers, Chief Priest, Elders and Scribes
- 2) Sneering at Him (Matthew 27:41-43; Luke 23:35)

#### e. Centurion

- 1) Matthew 27:54 ...Truly this was the Son of God.
- 2) Mark 15:29 ...Truly this **man** was the Son of God.
- 3) Luke 23:47 ...he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a **righteous** man.

#### f. Jesus' Followers

- 1) The family and friends of Jesus
- 2) The showed great devotion, faith and courage (Luke 23:49-56; John 19:38-42)

Where do you see yourself in this picture? Jesus Enemies? We were all once the enemies of God before knowing Christ as Savior (Romans 5:10). One of the criminals? One was bitter and rejecting and other repentant and receptive. One in the crowd? Not wanting to get too involved. Not committed to anything entirely. Just a follower of whatever is leading. A soldier? Disinterested in the person of Christ and just doing their job. The Centurion? Suddenly found new insight and responded to God. One of Jesus' followers? Faithful, courageous and devoted to the end.

Matthew 27:32-50; Mark 15:20-37; Luke 23:32-46; John 19:16-30.

The First Three Hours (9 AM till NOON)

The Final Three Hours (NOON till 3 PM)

Events Following Calvary

**Saturday: The Sealing of the Tomb**

Matthew 27:62-66.

**Sunday: The Resurrection of Christ & the 40 Days Following**

# The Seven Words that Jesus Spoke on the Cross

## **IMPORTANT!**

### **I. THE FIRST WORD "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."**

Luke 23:34. Jesus is looking down from the cross just after he was crucified between two criminals. He sees the soldiers who have mocked him, scourged him and tortured him, and who have just nailed him to the cross. He probably remembers those who have sentenced him - Caiaphas and the Sanhedrin, Pontius Pilate, and Herod. But is he not also thinking of his Apostles and companions who have deserted him, to Peter who has denied him three times, to the fickle crowd, who only days before praised him on his entrance to Jerusalem, and then days later chose him over Barabbas to be crucified? Is he also thinking of us, who daily forget him in our lives?

Does he react angrily? No! At the height of his physical suffering, his love prevails and He asks His Father to forgive them!

Right up to his final hours on earth, Jesus preaches forgiveness.

### **THE SECOND WORD "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."**

Luke 23:43. Now it is not just the religious leaders or the soldiers that mock Jesus, but even one of the criminals, a downward progression of mockery. But the criminal on the right speaks up for Jesus, explaining the two criminals are receiving their just due, whereas "this man has done nothing wrong." Then, turning to Jesus, he asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom" (Luke 23:42).

### **THE THIRD WORD "Jesus said to his mother: "Woman, this is your son".**

John 19:26-27. Jesus and Mary are together again, at the beginning of his ministry in Cana and now at the end of his public ministry at the foot of the Cross. What sorrow must fill her heart, to see her Son mocked, tortured, and crucified. Once again, a sword pierces Mary's soul: we are reminded of the prediction of Simeon at the Temple (Luke 2:35). There are four at the foot of the cross, Mary his Mother, John, the disciple whom he loved, Mary of Cleopas, his mother's sister, and Mary Magdalene. He addresses his third word to Mary and John, the only eye-witness of the Gospel writers.

But again Jesus rises above the occasion, and his concerns are for the ones that love him. The good son that He is, Jesus is concerned about taking care of his mother.

### **THE FOURTH WORD "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"**

His fourth Word is the opening line of Psalm 22, and thus his cry from the Cross recalls the cry of Israel, and of all innocent persons who suffer. Psalm 22 of David makes a striking prophecy of the crucifixion of the Messiah at a time when crucifixion was not known to exist: "They have pierced my hands and my feet, they have numbered all my bones"

## **THE FIFTH WORD "I thirst"**

John 19:28. The fifth word of Jesus is His only human expression of His physical suffering. Jesus is now in shock. The wounds inflicted upon him in the scourging, the crowning with thorns, and the nailing upon the cross are now taking their toll, especially after losing blood on the three-hour walk through the city of Jerusalem to Golgotha on the Way of the Cross. (I Peter 2:24).

## **THE SIXTH WORD "It is Finished"**

John 19:30. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished"; and he bowed his head and gave up the ghost. The sixth word is Jesus' recognition that his suffering is over and his task is completed. Jesus is obedient to the Father and gives his love for mankind by redeeming us with His death on the Cross.

What is the darkest day of mankind becomes the brightest day for mankind.

## **THE SEVENTH WORD "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit"**

Luke 23:46. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit".

The seventh word of Jesus is from the Gospel of Luke, and is directed to the Father in heaven, just before He dies. Jesus recalls Psalm 31:5 - "Into thy hands I commend my spirit; thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God."

John's Gospel related that it was the Day of Preparation, the day before the actual Passover (Pesach in Hebrew, Pascha in Greek and Latin), that Jesus was sentenced to death (19:14) and sacrificed on the Cross (19:31). He died at the ninth hour (three o'clock in the afternoon), about the same time as the Passover lambs were slaughtered in the Temple. Christ became the Paschal or Passover Lamb, as noted by St. Paul: "For Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed" (1 Corinthians 5:7). The innocent Lamb was slain for our sins, so that we might be forgiven.

Jesus fulfilled His mission: " Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" (Romans 3:24-25). The relationship of Jesus to the Father is revealed in the Gospel of John, for He remarked, "The Father and I are one" (10:30), and again, at the Last Supper: "Do you not believe I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works" (14:10).

Jesus practiced what He preached: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

## Redemptive Names of Christ

|                       |                            |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Jehovah-Jireh         | The Lord will Provide      | Genesis 22:13              |
| Jehovah-Nissi         | The Lord, my Banner        | Ex. 17:15                  |
| Jehovah-Shalom        | The Lord is Peace          | Judges 6:24                |
| Jehovah-Sabaoth       | The Lord of Hosts          | I Samuel 1:3; Isaiah 6:1-3 |
| Jehovah-Maccaddeshoem | The Lord thy Sanctifier    | Ex. 31:13                  |
| Jehovah-Rohi          | The Lord my Shepherd       | Psalm 23:1                 |
| Jehovah-Tsidkenu      | The Lord our Righteousness | Jeremiah 23:6              |
| Jehovah-Shammah       | The Lord Who is Present    | Ezekiel 48:35              |
| Jehovah-Rapha         | The Lord our Healer        | Ex. 15:26                  |

**Jesus** –meaning of Jesus is "the Lord is salvation". Short form of Joshua, from the Hebrew name Jehoshua.

**MESSIAH**--The promised deliverer of the Jewish nation prophesied in the Hebrew Bible. The word 'Messiah' comes from the Hebrew word ' Mashiach' in the Old Testament meaning 'anointed'

**Christ**— the word “Christ” comes from christos, a Greek word meaning “anointed.” It is the equivalent of the word mashiach, or Messiah, in Hebrew. So, to be the Christ, or Messiah, is to be “the anointed one of God.”